

**The University of West Florida  
Division of Academic Affairs**

**Degree Program Termination Request**

Name of the program: Humanities, Interdisciplinary

Level and degree name: Master of Arts/Interdisciplinary Humanities

CIP code: 24.0103

Offering department: Philosophy & Religious Studies

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Offering college: Arts and Sciences

Implementation date: Fall 2008 (as originally submitted to Faculty Senate)  
Fall 2009 (as approved by the UWF Board of Trustees)

Rationale for program termination:

1. Existing and projected future faculty resources and course offerings are inadequate to guarantee students what they need to complete the program to required specifications, and
2. The program is insufficiently structured and rigorous, and existing resources are inadequate to provide it with the necessary structure and rigor. Students will be better served by pursuing a degree in one of the existing disciplinary program offerings.
3. The status and future of this program was discussed for several years. Various configurations were attempted to solve the administrative and curricular issues of the program. None adequately addressed the problems and with strong stand-alone master's programs in place, it is logical to delete this program.

Anticipated impact of program termination on:

Current Program

1. Accreditation: None
2. Students: Admissions to the program were suspended as of Fall 2007. There are 11 remaining students who are being advised through individual counseling sessions with the Chair of the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department (which currently houses the program) to ensure they are able to complete their degrees in a timely fashion.
3. Faculty: All heads of departments involved in the program have been consulted and are all in agreement that the program should be deleted. This will free faculty that are already stretched to teach more undergraduate courses where they are needed, as well as for those who teach graduate courses to be able to focus on students specializing in their own areas.

4. **Staff: None**
5. **Budgets: The impact to the budget will be minimal since, as a shared program, the IHMA did not regularly incur much in the way of direct expenditures to administer the program.**
6. **Space: The impact on space will be minimal as the program was housed in an existing department.**
7. **Library and other learning resources: None**
8. **Community: The program was meeting the needs of a small number of community members who sought a Master's Degree to be able to teach at local community colleges. Those students can be served by existing graduate programs in other departments.**

#### **Related Programs**

1. **Curriculum: None**
2. **Accreditation: None**
3. **Students: Graduate classes in participating departments will no longer have non-specialist students in their graduate programs.**
4. **Faculty: Graduate classes in participating departments will no longer have non-specialist students in their graduate programs.**
5. **Staff: None**
6. **Budgets: None**
7. **Space: None**
8. **Library and other learning resources: None**
9. **Community: None**

**Other related information: All involved parties-participating departments, dean, and registrar-have planned to address the needs of students currently in the program. The on-line UWF Factbook shows 2 students enrolled in 2008-2009. Any student who has been inactive and requests to complete the program will be considered on an individual basis.**

**Request to Delete a Degree Program—Approval Signatures**

**Program:** Interdisciplinary Humanities, M.A.

Program Chairperson:	<u>Sally J.</u>	Date: 8/28/07
College Curriculum:	<u>Manuel L. ...</u>	Date: 10/22/07
Professional Education Council (if required):	<u>N/A</u>	Date: _____
College Dean:	<u>Jane Halon</u>	Date: 10/22/07
EEO Officer:	<u>Cindy Faria</u>	Date: <u>5/5/09</u>
Faculty Senate:	<u>Richard J. Platt</u>	Date: <u>5/8/2009</u>
Provost:	<u>Chuea ...</u>	Date: <u>5/26/09</u>
President:	<u>Judith ...</u>	Date: <u>6/8/09</u>
Board of Trustees, A&SA Committee:	<u>Nancy ...</u>	Date: <u>6/2/09</u>
Board of Trustees:	<u>...</u>	Date: <u>6/2/09</u>
*Board of Governors:	_____	Date: _____

\*Required only for doctoral programs.